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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ARMED RESISTANCE IN CHILE DIMINISHES

EMBASSY SANTIAGO REPORTS ARMED RESISTANCE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CHILE SEEMS TO HAVE DIMINISHED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW MAJOR ASSAULTS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, SPORADIC FIRING WHICH HAD PUNCTUATED PREVIOUS DAYS IN SANTIAGO HAS ENDED, AND THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO CLOSE THE RING AROUND EXTREMISTS WHO HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY. MILITARY SOURCES REPORT THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT IT HAS THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION IN CHILE UNDER CONTROL. (SECRET) SANTIAGO 4354, 9/17 (EXDIS).

2. TWO VIEWS ON CHILE COUP

A. WHILE THE SOVIETS KEEP TIGHT REIN...

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EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT WHILE THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT A TIGHT CONTROL ON OFFICIAL COMMENT ON CHILE, THE OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE HAS EVOKED STRONG EMOTIONS AMONG SEGMENTS OF THE SOVIET PUBLIC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MOSCOW 11235, 9/17.

B. ...EX-CHILEAN ENVOY CLAIMS CIA INVOLVEMENT

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PROMINENT MEXICAN NEWSPAPER EXCELSIOR, FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO HUGO VIGORENA RAMIREZ CLAIMED TO HAVE "PROOF" OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALLENDE OUSTER. HE STATED THE CIA HAD A PLAN KNOWN AS "OPERATION CENTAUR" WHICH INFLUENCED RECENT EVENTS IN CHILE. VIGORENA IS REPORTEDLY CONSULTING ALLENDE-APPOINTED COLLEAGUES IN CENTRAL AMERICA REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MEXICO 6973, 9/19.

3. BURDEN SHARING EFFORTS FLOUNDERING

THE CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S NATO OFFICE INFORMED EMBASSY ROME THAT BURDEN SHARING EFFORTS OF EUROPEAN ALLIES ARE FLOUNDERING AS A RESULT OF THE UK'S INSISTENCE ON BEING TREATED ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE US AND THE FRG'S CURRENT EFFORT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IT IS DOING MORE THAN ITS SHARE BILATERALLY WITH THE US. THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL CLAIMED BELGIUM IS NOW ENGAGED IN THE SAME KIND OF EXERCISE AS THE FRG. HE CONCLUDED ITALY HAD LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO DRAW UP A SIMILAR BALANCE SHEET SHOWING THE US BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT ATTENDANT TO THE PRESENCE OF US FORCES IN ITALY WAS OFFSET BY ITALIAN PURCHASES OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO US MILITARY ELEMENTS IN ITALY BY THE GOI. (SECRET) ROME 9749, 9/17.

4. POMPIDOU PRC VISIT ELICITS BLAND COMMUNIQUE

THE JOINT PRC-FRENCH COMMUNIQUE SEEMS BLANDER THAN MIGHT
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HAVE BEEN EXPECTED IN LIGHT OF PEKING'S EFFORTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT, REPORTS CONSULATE GENERAL HONG KONG. ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE TWO SIDES HAD "BROADLY IDENTICAL VIEWS," COMMON LANGUAGE WAS FOUND ONLY ON SUCH NON-CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS AS EQUALITY OF ALL COUNTRIES, PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND NATIONAL CONCORD IN LAOS. THE PRC USED THE VISIT TO EXPRESS AT A HIGH LEVEL ITS VIEWS-ON EUROPEAN SECURITY WITH CHOU EN-LAI WARNING AGAINST MOSCOW'S INTENTION TO "IMPOSE ITS WILL" AND CAUTIONING AGAINST BEING LULLED BY PROMISES OF PEACE AND SECURITY. (CONFIDENTIAL) HONG KONG 9274, 9275, 9/17.

5. SYRIAN-FATAH RELATIONS STRAINED

THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS SHUT DOWN A FATAH

THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS SHUT DOWN A FATAH RADIO STATION AS A RESULT OF FATAH CONDEMNATION OF THE SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN RAPPROCHEMENT WITH JORDAN. IN ADDITION, THE SYRIAN SUPPORTED SA'IQA MOVEMENT (A SYRIAN COUNTER-PART OF FATAH) HAS PUBLICLY CONDEMNED THE "MAD ACTIONS" OF TERRORISTS AT KHARTOUM, ATHENS AIRPORT, THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN PARIS, AND AGAINST JAPAN AIR LINES. EMBASSY BEIRUT NOTES THIS STATEMENT COMES CLOSER THAN ANY OTHER PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENT MADE BY FEDAYEEN SOURCES TO DATE IN POINTING UP FATAH/PLO CONNECTION WITH PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BEIRUT 10956, 10957, 9/17. RUSH

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